

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims by canceling claims 3-10 and 12-18, without prejudice, and add new claims 19-21, as indicated on the following listing of all the claims remaining in the present application after this Amendment:

1 – 18. (canceled)

19. (new) A method of updating data of plurality of signal protocols stored in a memory within a universal remote control adapted to communicate with a video display system and a plurality of other electronic devices, comprising:

receiving within the video display system an update to data of a signal protocol for communicating with an electronic device, wherein the data update is encoded in a video blanking interval of a video signal received by the video display system,

in response to a request from the remote control, transmitting the received data update from the video display system to the remote control, and

determining, within the remote control, whether the received data update corresponds to data of a signal protocol maintained within the remote control memory for one of the plurality of electronic devices, and, if so, updating or replacing the data for the signal protocol of that one of the plurality of electronic devices, but, if not, sending a desist command to the video display system.

20. (new) The method of claim 19, additionally comprising, after updating or replacing the data, sending confirmation thereof to the video display system.

21. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the universal remote control is adapted to communicate through a television receiver as the video display system.